

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Examiner: Thomas, Lucy M.

Art Unit: 2836

Docket No. 3765

In re:

Applicant: SCHMIEDERER, C.

Serial No.: 10/591,890

Filed: September 7, 2006

**SIMULTANEOUS AMENDMENT**

April 8, 2010

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia

Sirs:

This Amendment is submitted simultaneous with filing of a  
Brief on Appeal.

In the Office Action of January 14, 2010, the Examiner  
objected to the disclosure because electrically conductive sleeves filled  
with highly conductive metal are not shown in the drawings.

In connection with the Examiner's objection to the drawings, applicant amended Figures 1 and 2 to show sleeves and conductive material filling the sleeves. This feature is clearly disclosed in the specification in the middle paragraph on page 5, the sleeves are definitely known as tubular elements as shown in the proposed change to the drawings, and the conductive metal fills the sleeves. The above mentioned illustrations do not introduce any new matter in the specification and it does not introduce any new issue after the final Office Action for examination and/or search.

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